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In re Application of :
Bartholf et al :
Application No: 09/782,444 :
Filed: February 13, 2001 : **WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE**
Title: Stent Delivery System Having Delivery :
Catheter Member With A Clear Transition Zone :

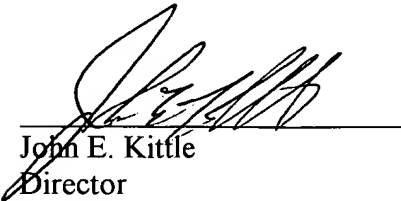
This is in response to applicant's petition filed August 18, 2003, to withdrawal application from issue under 37 CFR 1.313(a).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 CFR 1.313(a).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

PTO records reveal that the issue fee has not been paid. If the fee has been submitted, the applicant may request a refund or may request that the fee be credited to a deposit account. However, applicant may wait until the application is either again found allowable or held abandoned. If the application is allowed, upon receipt of a new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, applicant may request that the previously submitted issue fee be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the application is abandoned, applicant may request either a refund or a credit to a deposit account.

The application is being forwarded to the Examiner for action.


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